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# Performance evaluation of cancelable biometrics

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# Cancelable Biometrics

- Intentional **repeatable** distortion
  - Generates a similar signal each time for the same user
- Compromised scenario:
  - a new **distortion** creates a new biometrics
- Comparison scenario:
  - **different** distortions for different accounts
- **Backwards compatibility**
  - Representation is not changed.



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## Cancelability requirements of the transform

1. The intrinsic strength (individuality) of the biometric should not be reduced after transformation. (Constraint on FAR)

$$D(x_1, x_2) > t \Rightarrow D(T(x_1), T(x_2)) > t$$

2. The transformation should be tolerant to intra-user variation (Constraint on FRR)

$$D(x_1, x_2) < t \Rightarrow D(T(x_1), T(x_2)) < t$$

3. The original should not match with the transform,

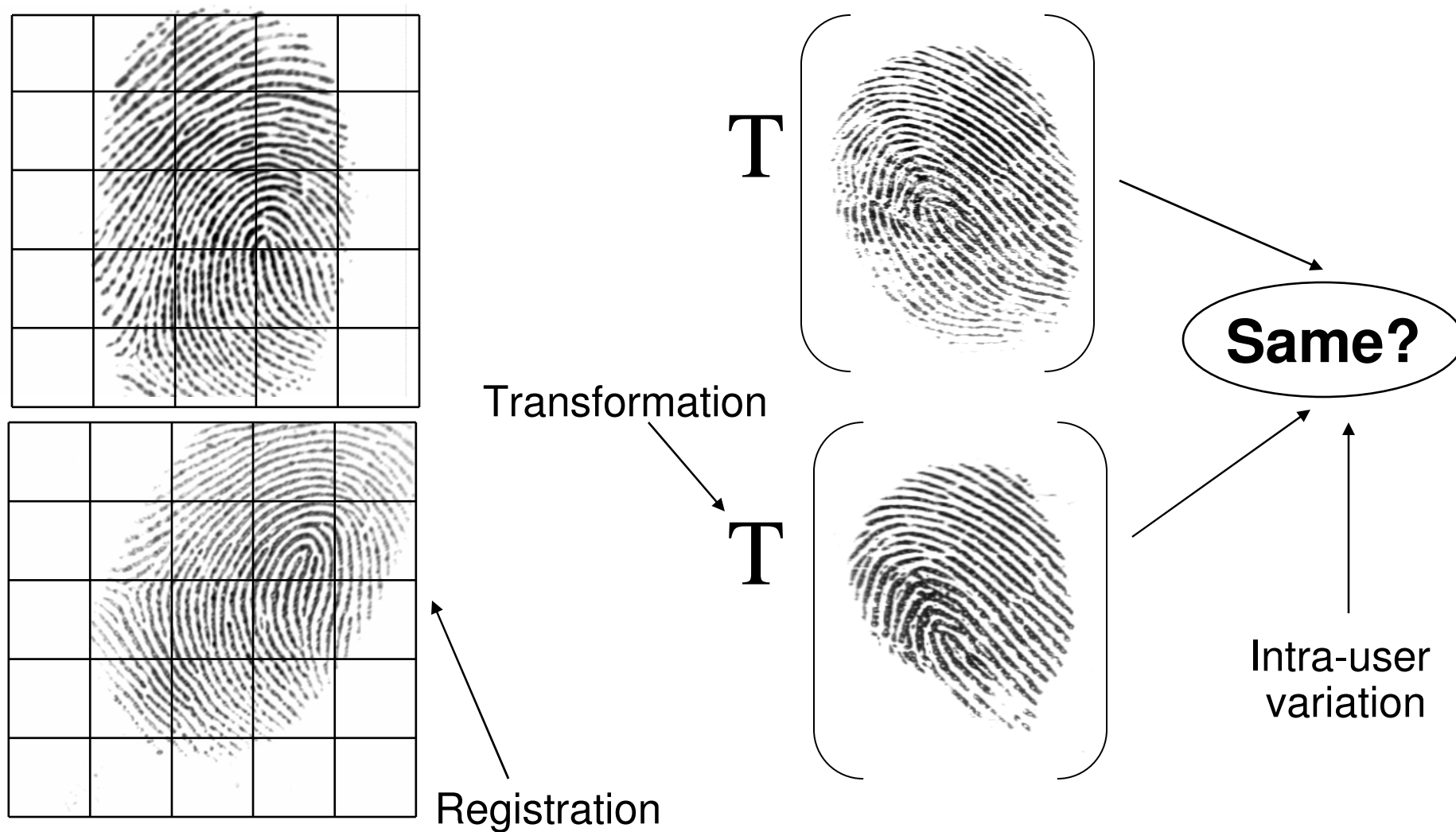
$$D(x, T(x)) > t$$

4. Different transforms of the same user should not match with each other

$$D(T_1(x), T_2(x)) > t$$

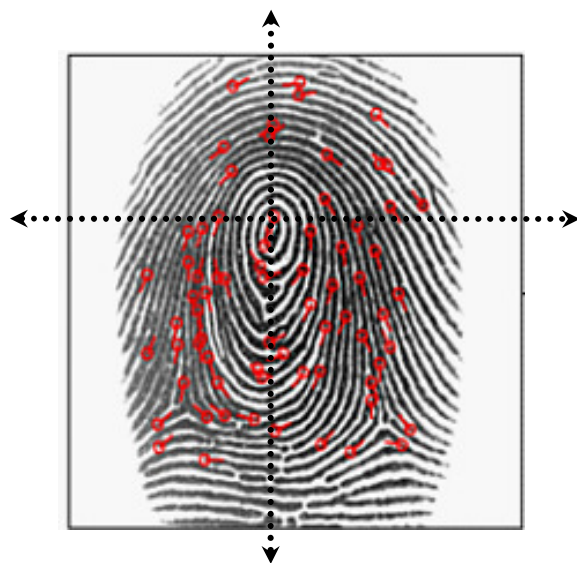
# Registration based

# Challenges

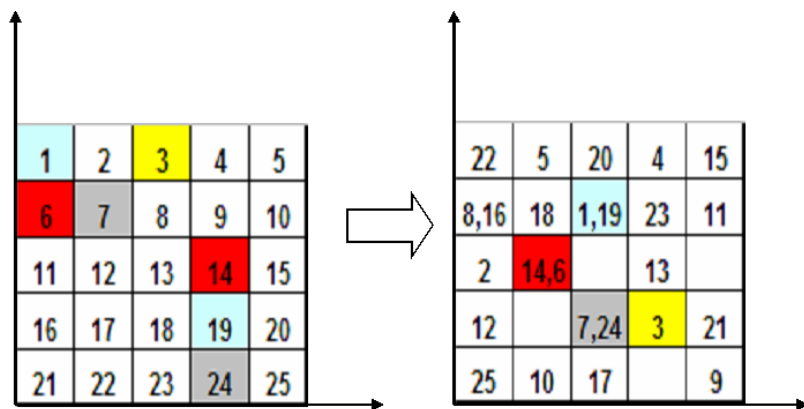




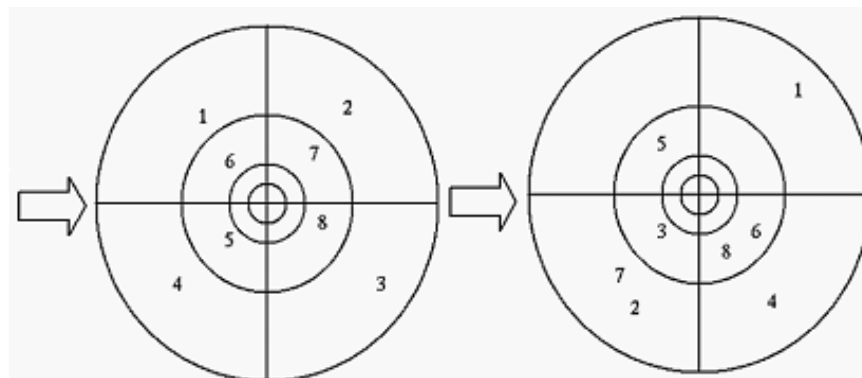
# Feature Domain Transformation



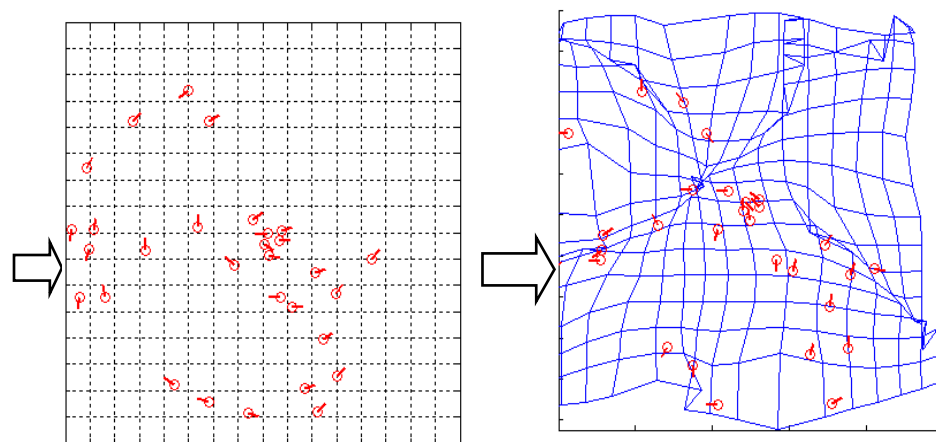
Feature Extraction



Cartesian Transformation



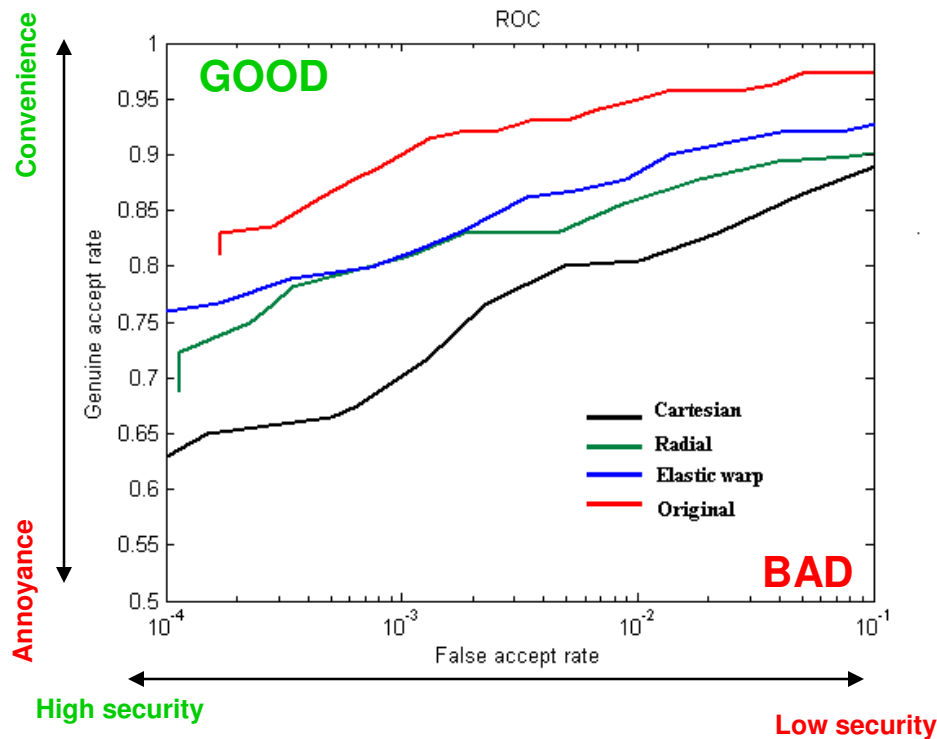
Polar Transformation



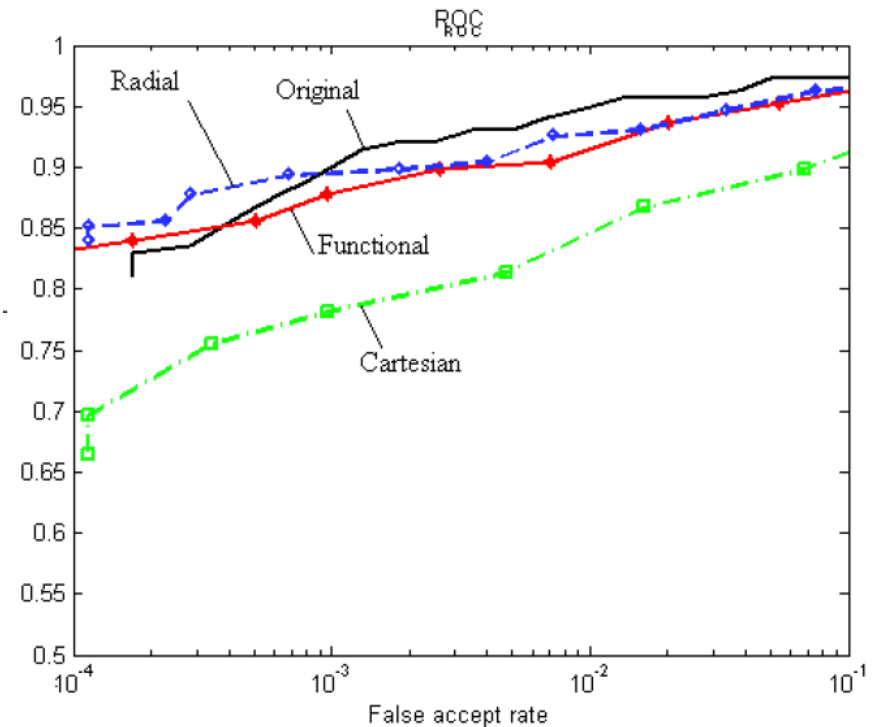
Surface Folding Transformation

## How does it affect accuracy?

Same transform for all users



Different transforms for different users

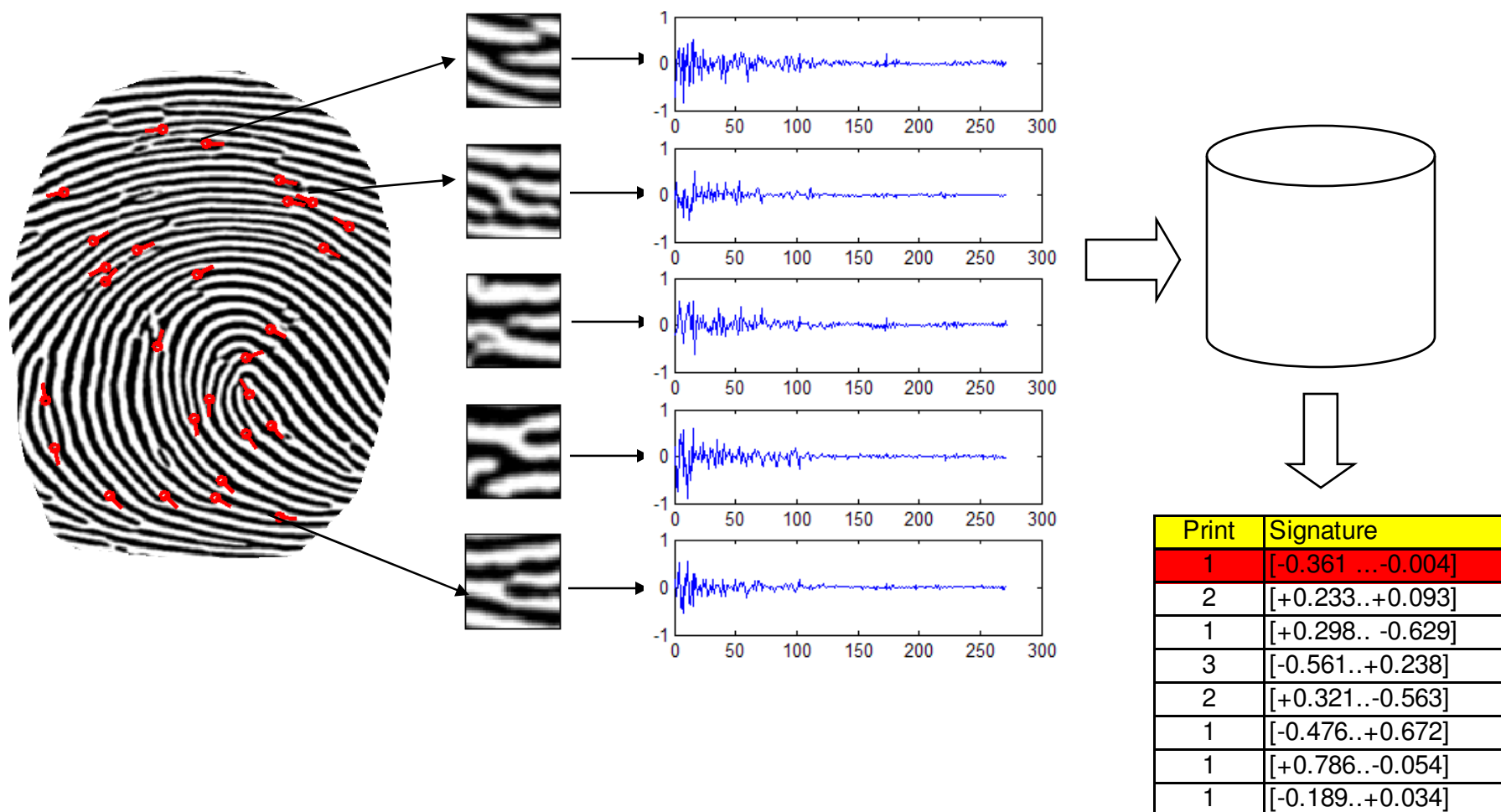


- Results reported in
  - "Cancelable biometrics: A case study in Fingerprints", ICPR 06
  - "Generating cancelable fingerprint templates", IEEE PAMI

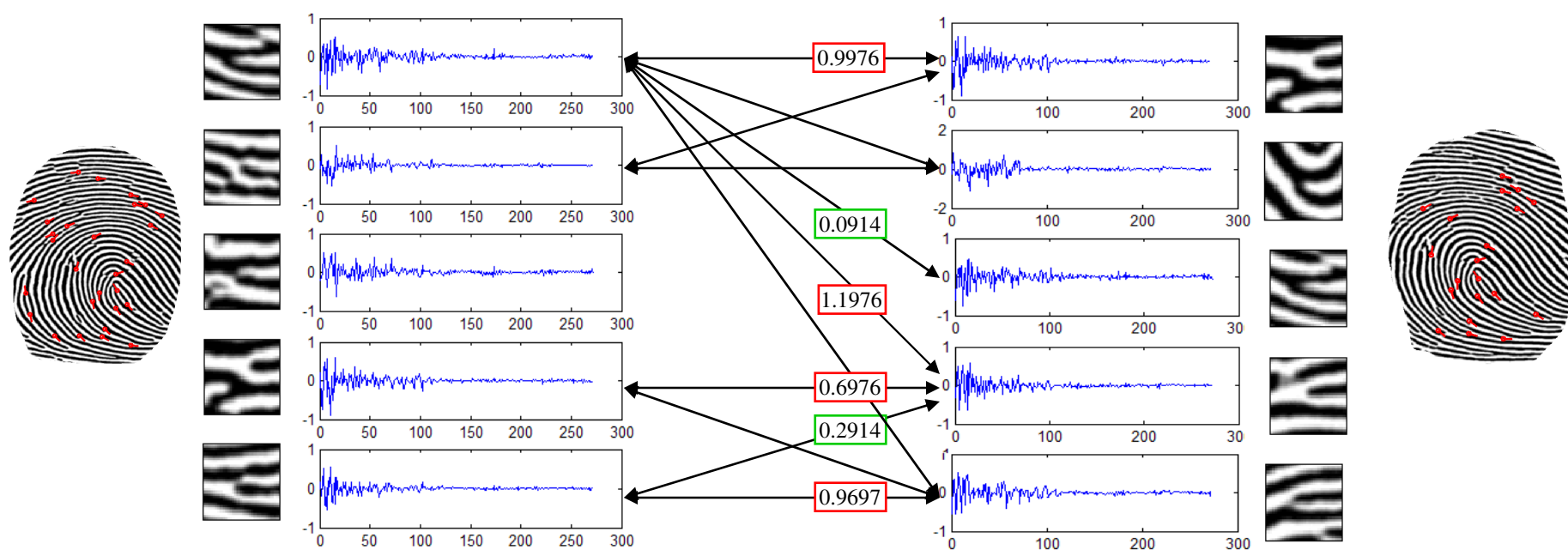
Registration free



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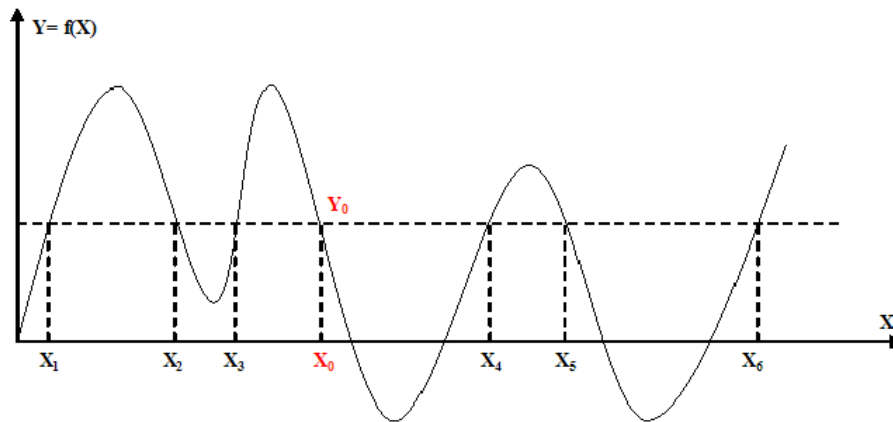


# Verification



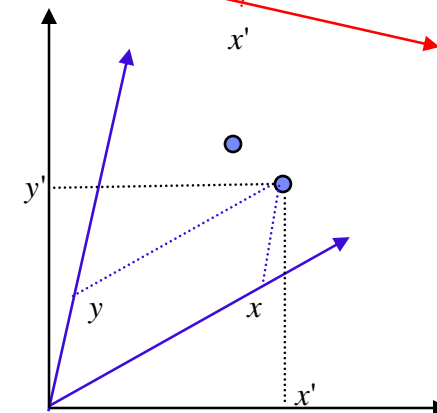
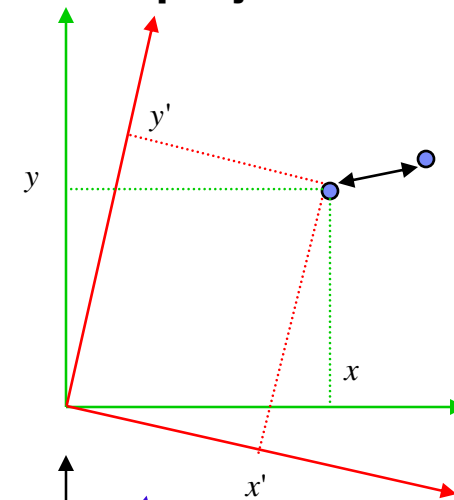
## Cancelable methods

- Can we **avoid storing the original patch signatures**?
- Ways to transform/hide the feature vector
  - Encryption - representation too unstable for encryption
  - Polynomial transformation
  - Random projection- **fits well with NDP distance**



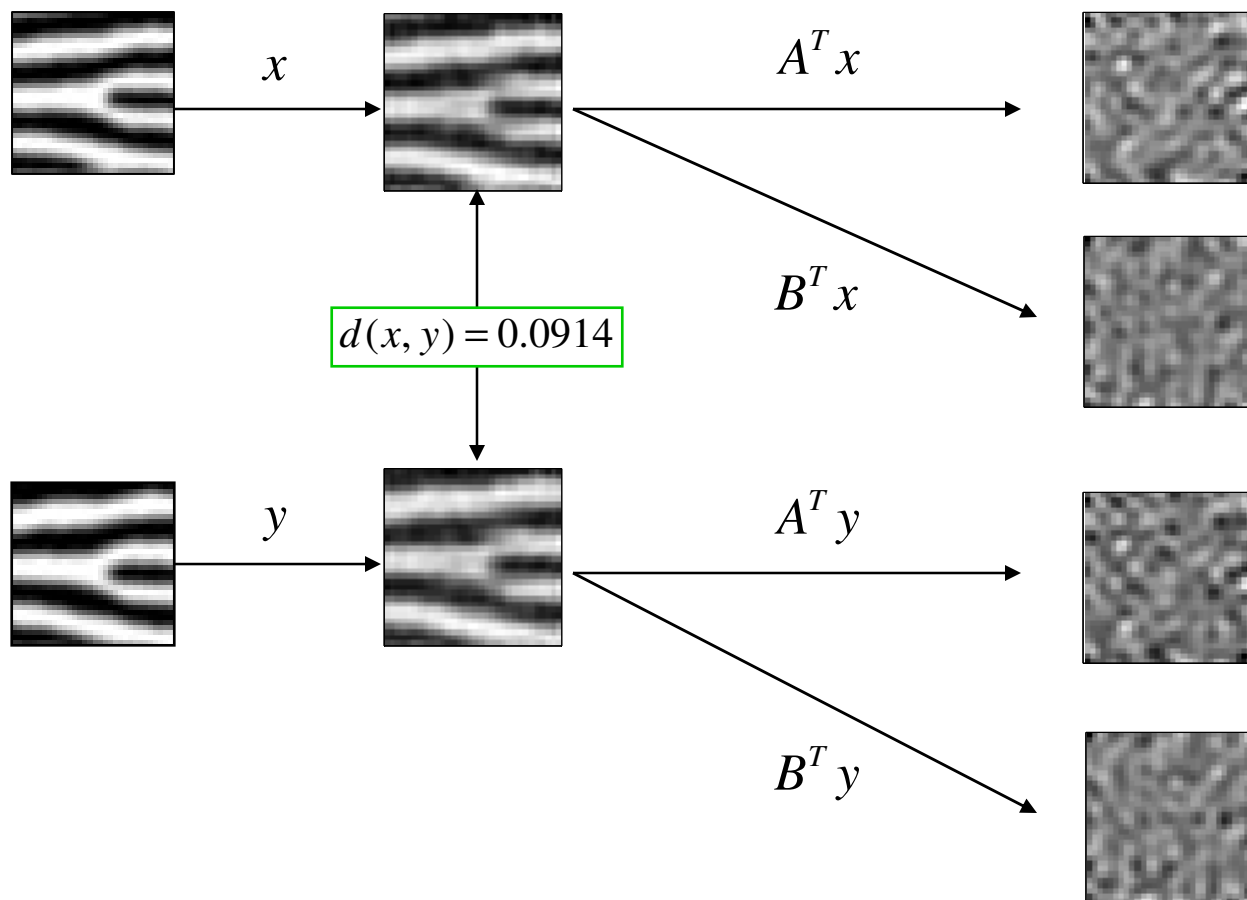
Polynomial transformation

### Preferred: Ortho normal projections



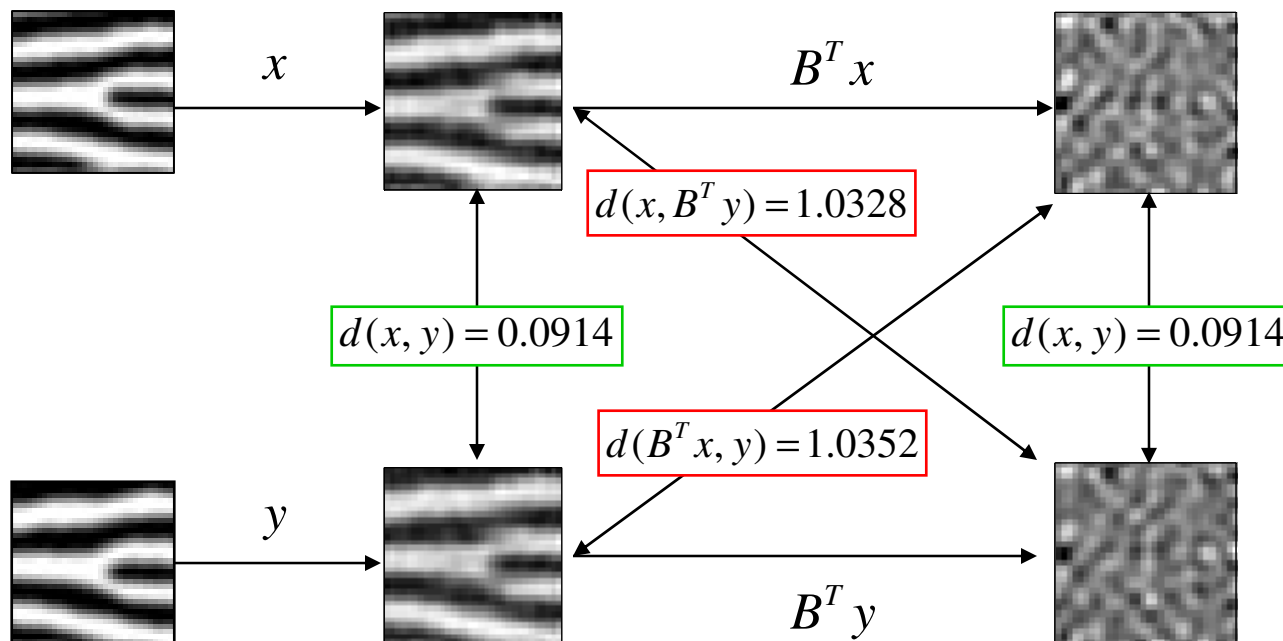
Random Projections

## Cancelability (2)



- Each patch can be used to produce **multiple transforms**

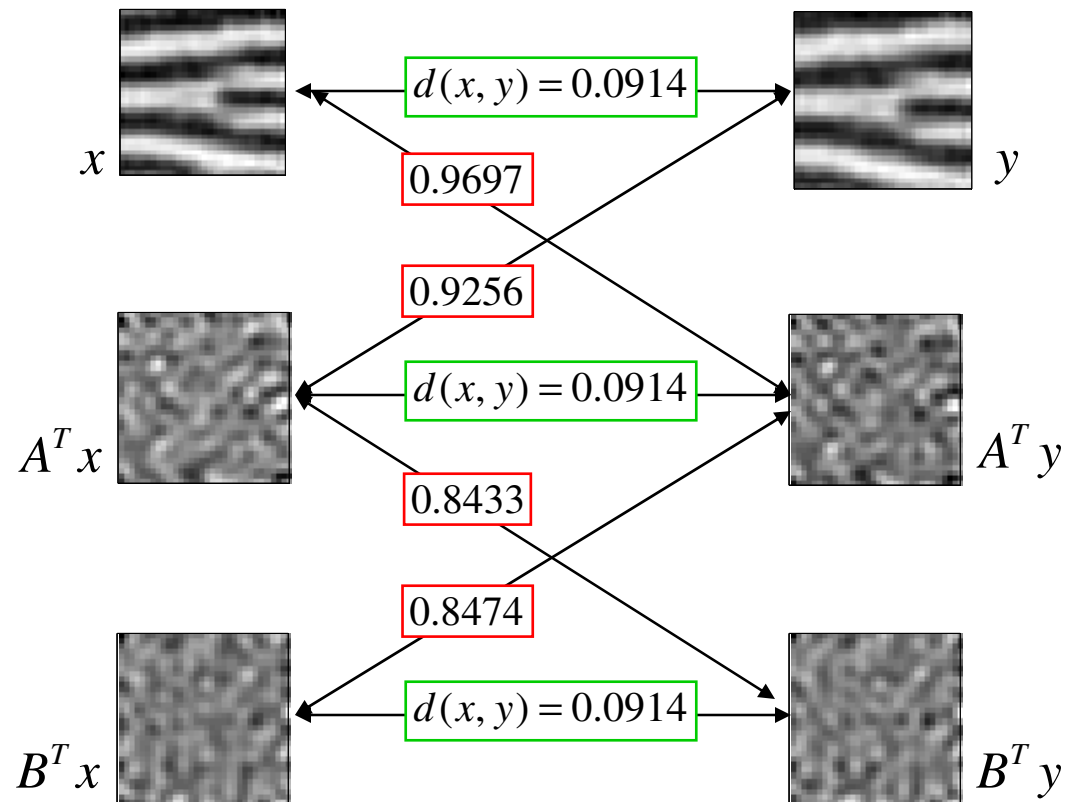
## → Cancelability (3)



- Original **match** among themselves
- Transforms **match** among themselves
- Transform **does not match** with original

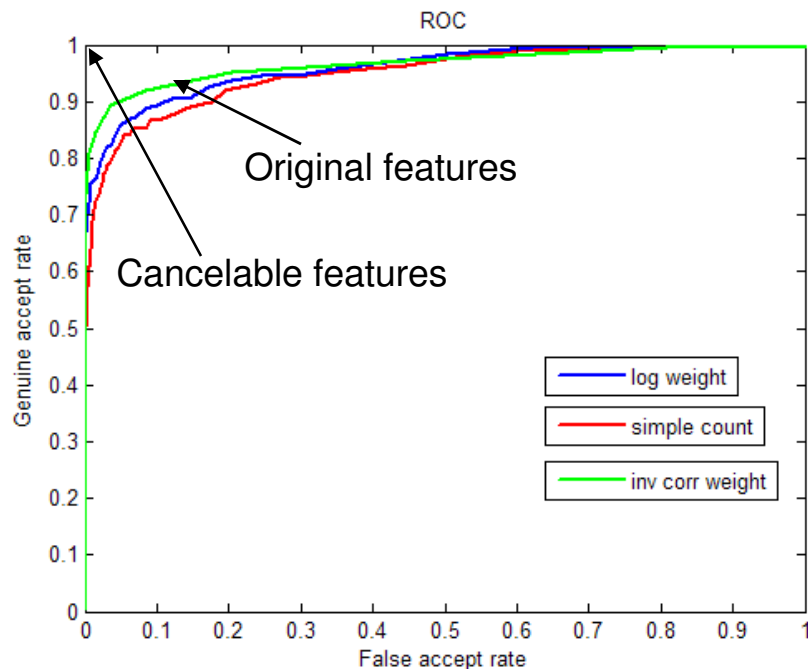


## Cancelability (4)



- Score more than **0.5** is a mismatch
- Different Transforms **don't match** with each other

## Empirical Results (1)



### Patch based verification

- Performance is less than geometry based matchers (62% GAR at 0.01% FAR)

### Cancelability

- Complete separation** (100% GAR, 0% FAR) achieved by having **separate** transforms for **separate** individuals

### Diversity of key space

- Complete separation** (100% GAR, 0% FAR) achieved for **separate** (188) transforms of the **same** individual.

### Non invertibility

- Complete separation** (100% GAR, 0% FAR) achieved for **non-invertible** construction as well

- **Perfect performance because uses entropy from key also**
- **If everyone uses the same key performance will not change because distances are preserved**

## Increasing security: Two factor transformation

- The current construction **is invertible**

If we have the projecting matrix  $B$ , and the transform  $T(x) = B^T x$

$x = BT(x) = BB^T x$ , can be recovered

- **Can we increase security?**

- Two factor transformation

- The projection matrix  $B$  is constructed using **two** orthonormal matrices  $U, V$

$$B = UV^T$$

$$UU^T = U^T U = VV^T = V^T V = I$$

$$BB^T = (UV^T)U^T = U(V^T V)U^T = I$$

$U, V$  are obtained by performing SVD on a random matrix  $R = USV^T$

$S$  is not recorded anywhere in the system.

$U, V$  do not leak information about each other

- $U$  and  $V$  can be separately stored **separately** (e.g. split between user and application?)
- **Symmetric key, public key comparison**

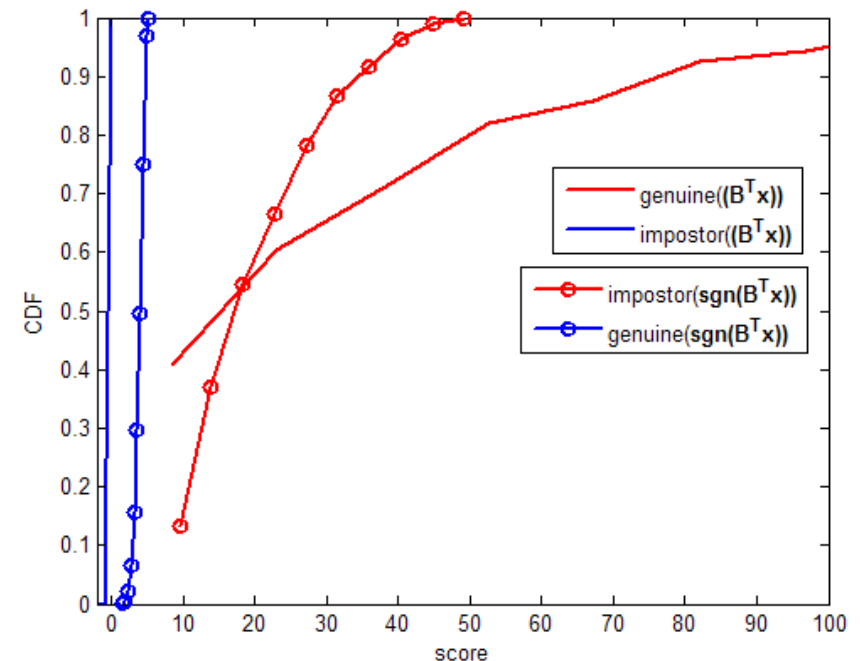
## More security: Non-invertibility

- We can make the construction non-invertible by introducing some **non-linearity**

Define,

$$T(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } B^T x > 0, (B = UV^T) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

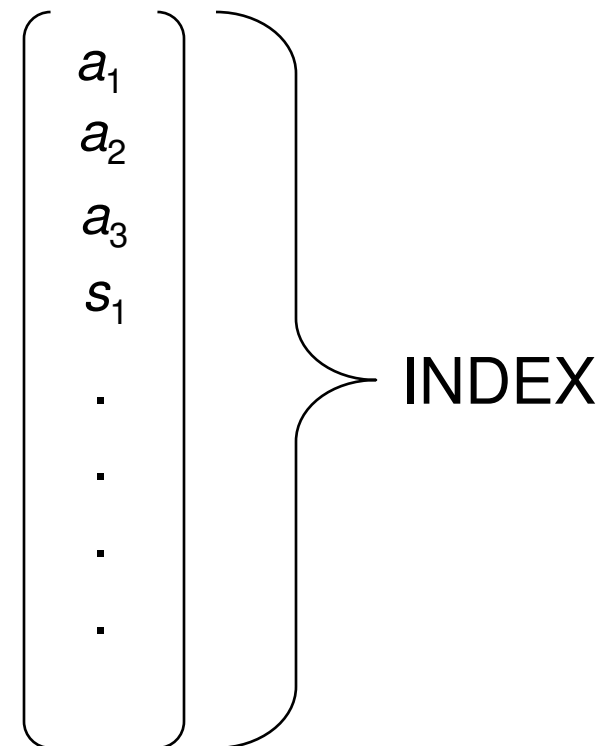
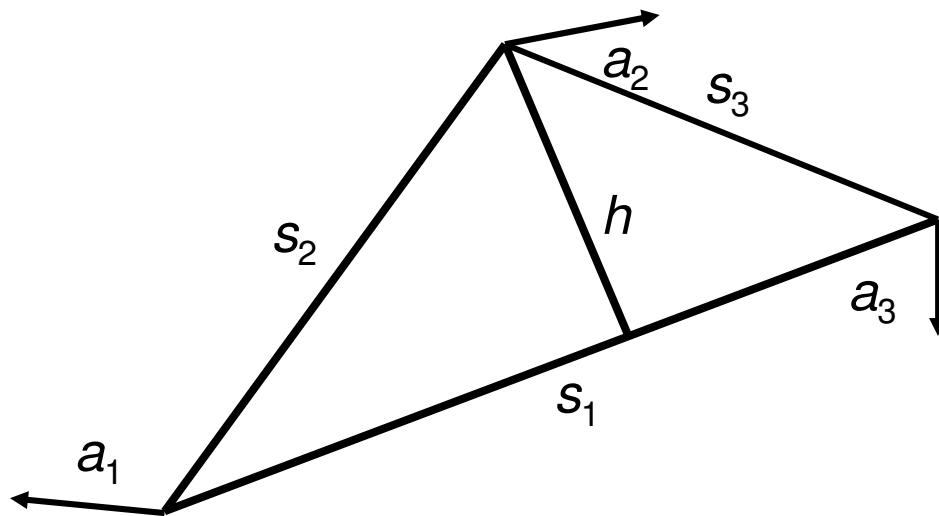
- Thus, even if  $U$ ,  $V$ ,  $T(x)$  are known, it is impossible to recover  $x$  from  $T(x)$
- Advantages:
  - The construction is **non-invertible**
- Disadvantages
  - Brute force attack is easier. (More pre-images of  $B^T x$  produce the same sign)



Score distributions for invertible and non-invertible construction

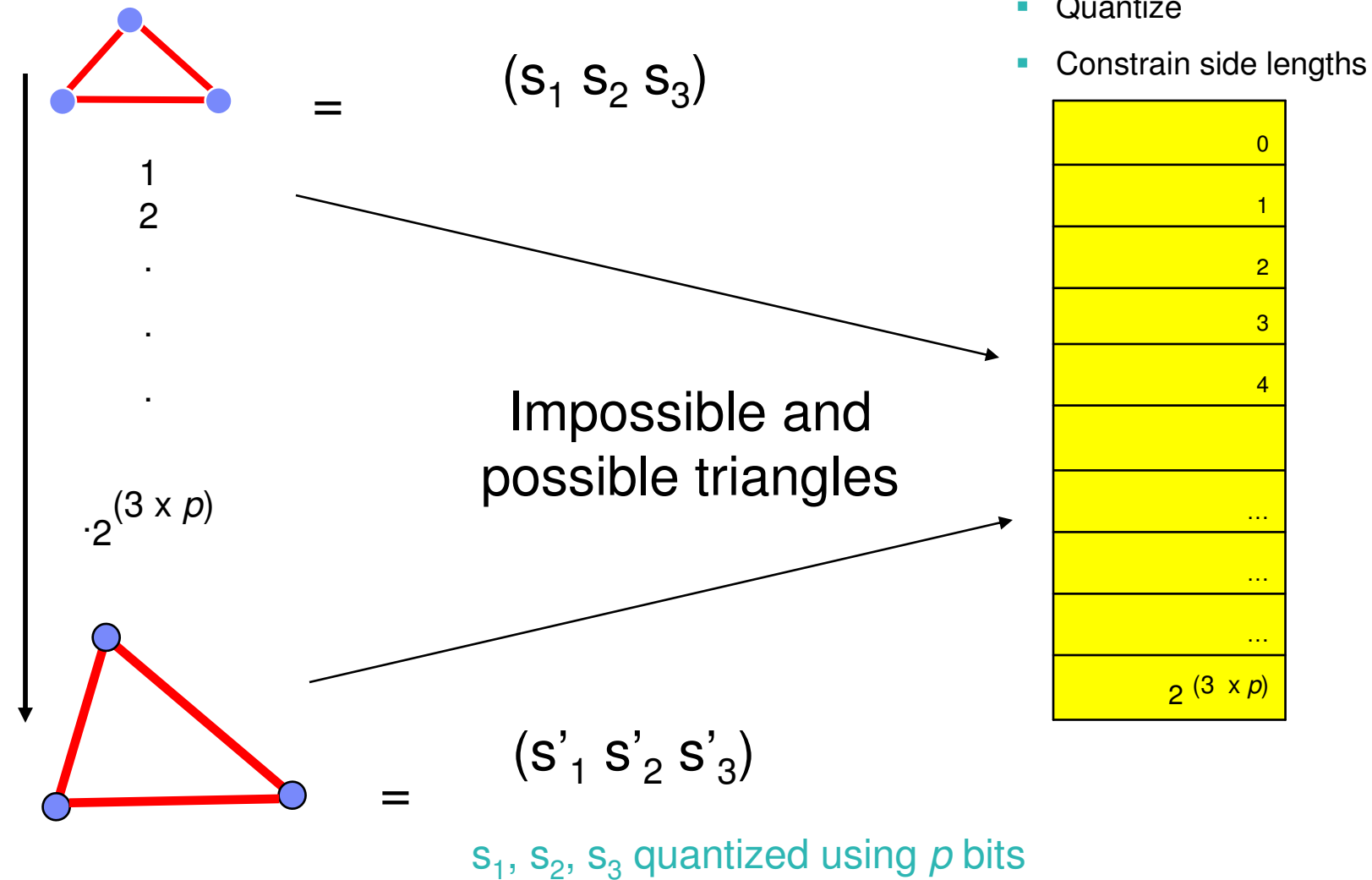
## Invariant features

- Independent triangle features
  - The sides
- Dependent triangle feature
  - Height at largest side
- Fingerprint features
  - Minutiae angles with respect to triangle

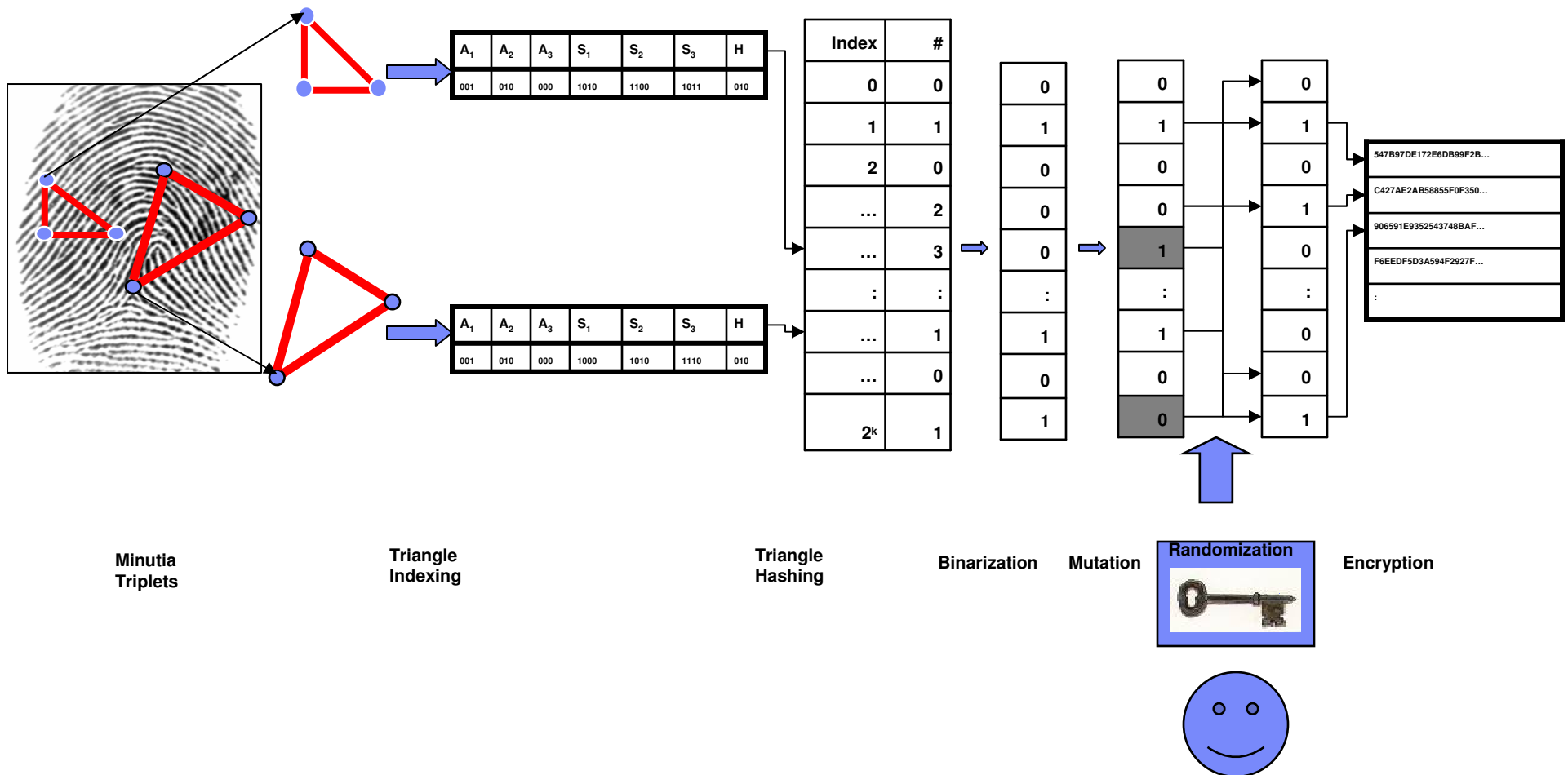




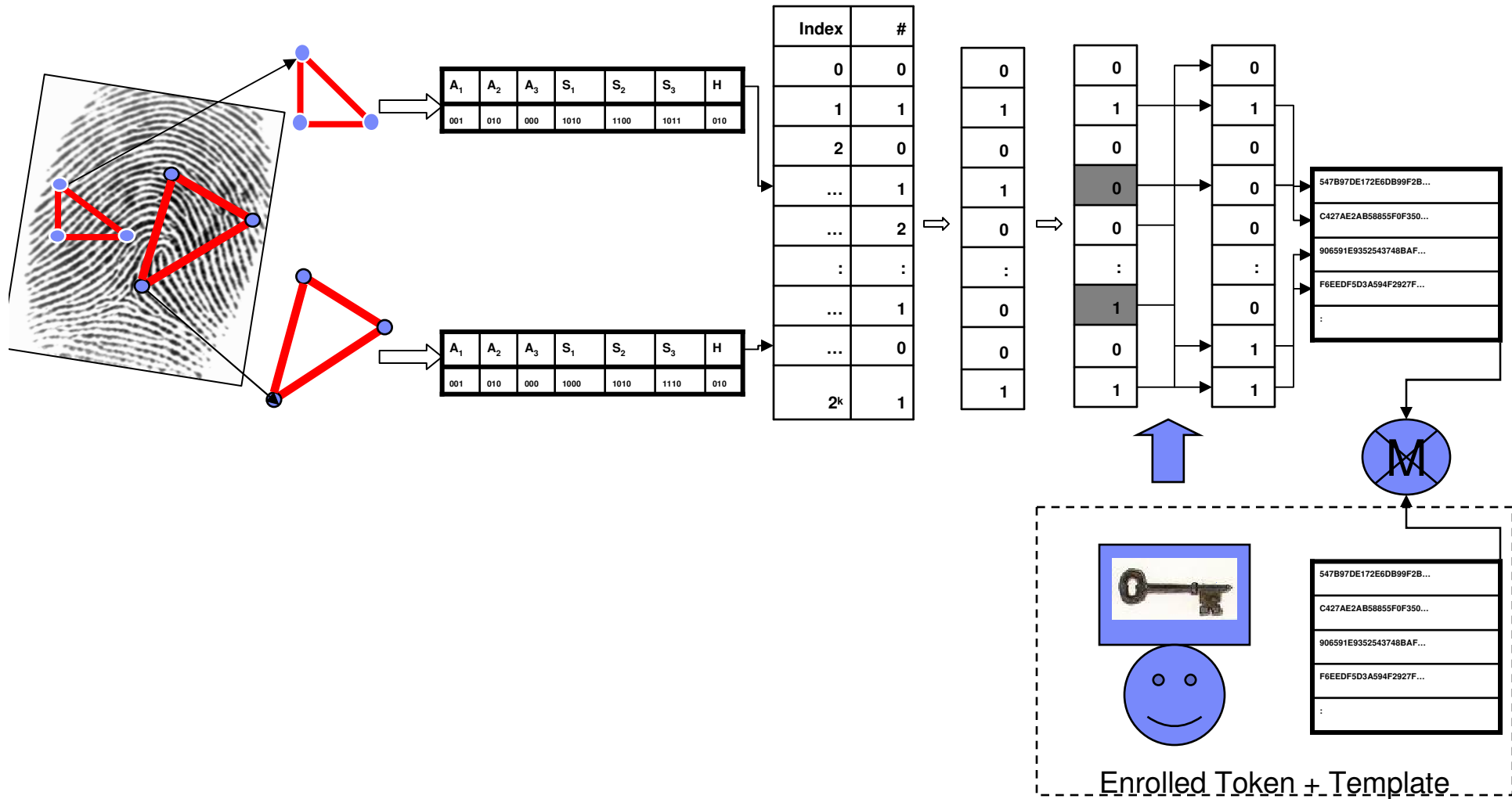
# Triangles can be enumerated



# Enrolment



# Verification



## Steps in building a cancelable iris system

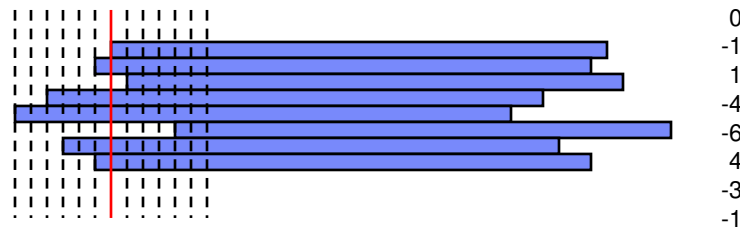
- Segmentation
- Feature extraction
- Cancelable techniques ♦



## Method 1: GRAY COMBO

- **template based row shift and combination**

- Step 1: for each row shift circularly:



- Step 2: combine two rows together to get a new one:

- Intensity +, -
- One row can be used more than once
- Easy methods: odd+even, fold like a mirror

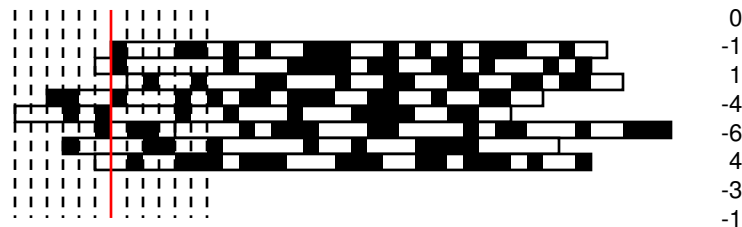
Combine rows 1, 3 to the new 1<sup>st</sup> row  
Combine rows 2, 8 to the new 2<sup>nd</sup> row  
Combine rows 4, 6 to the new 3<sup>rd</sup> row  
Combine rows 5, 7 to the new 4<sup>th</sup> row



## Method 2: BIN COMBO

- **code based row shift and combination**

- Step 1: for each row shift circularly:

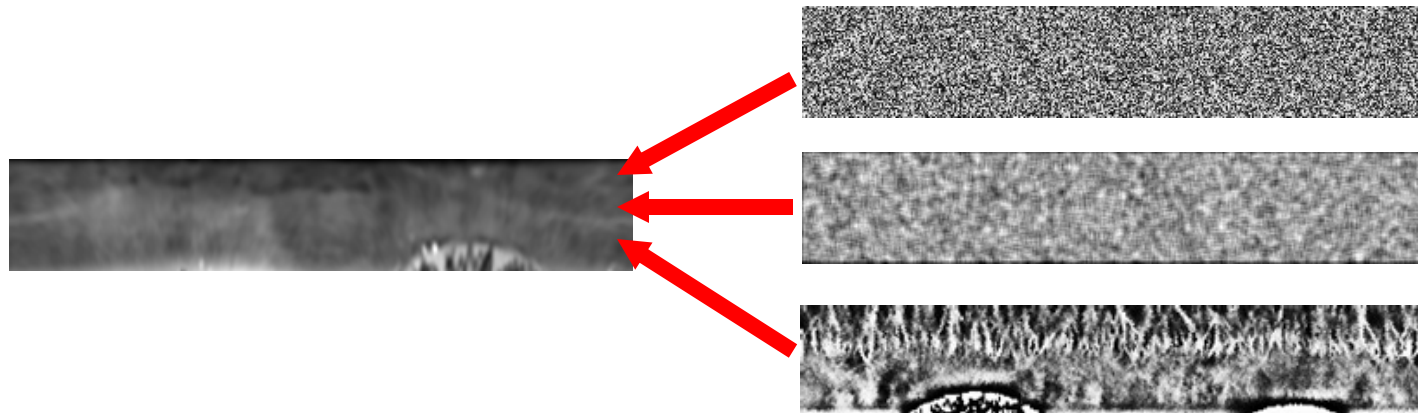


- Step 2: combine two rows together to get a new one:
  - Binary XOR, or NXOR
  - One row can be used more than once
  - Easy methods: odd+even, fold like a mirror

Combine rows 1, 3 to the new 1<sup>st</sup> row  
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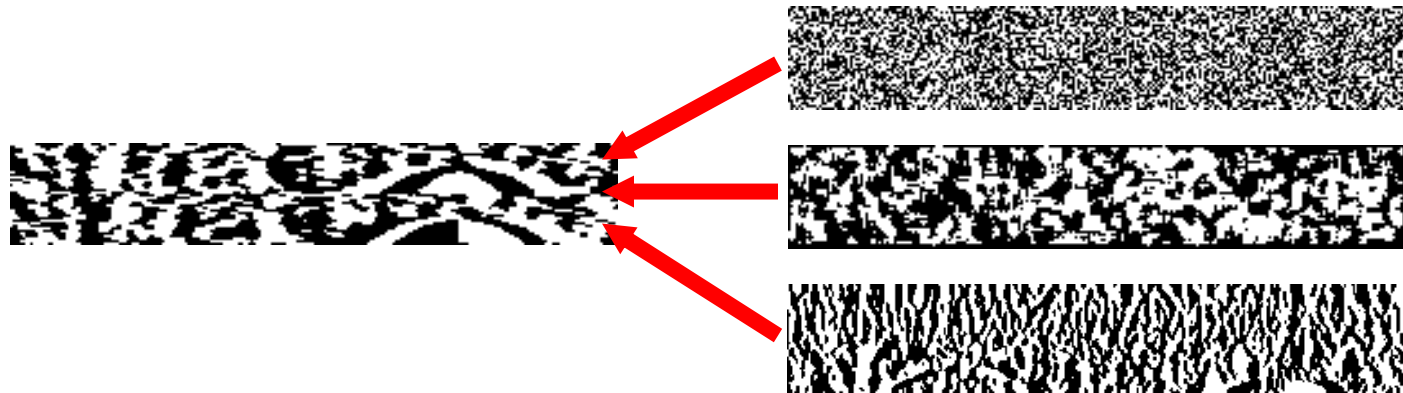
## Method 3: GRAY SALT

- **template based salty noise**
  - Just plus a unique pattern --- random noise, random pattern or random synthetic iris texture
  - Generate new code according to the new texture



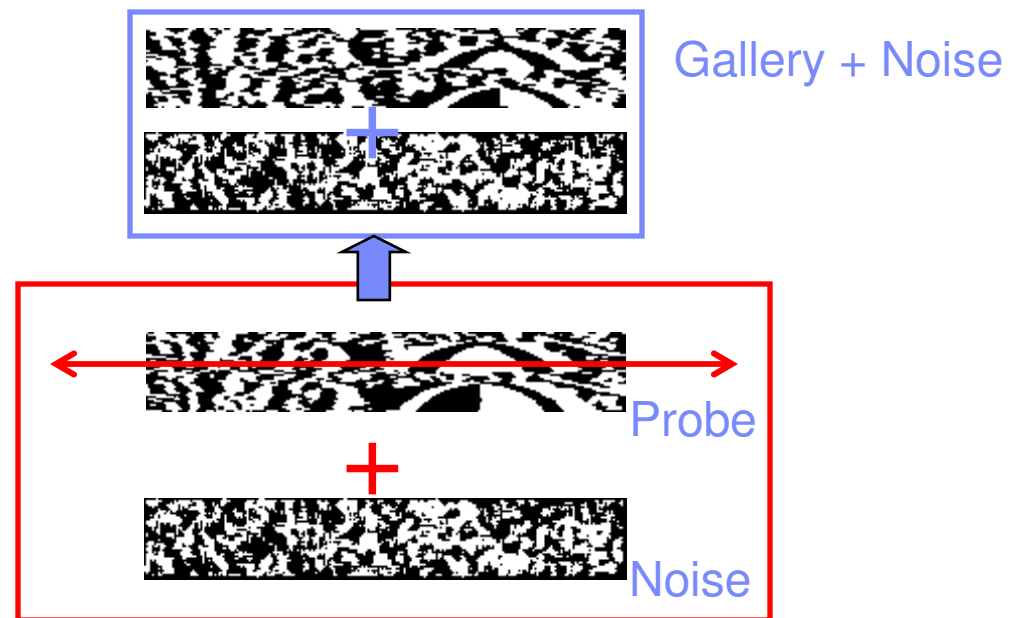
## Method 4: BIN SALT

- **code based salty noise**
  - Just plus a unique binary pattern --- random noise , random pattern or random synthetic iris code



# Matcher

- Assume head tilt is not heavy
- Matching algorithm need to be modified:



## Key performance metrics

- **Accuracy**
  - How do the error rates change?
    - Same transform vs. different transform
- **Transform space**
  - How many transforms are possible?
  - Brute force non-invertible strength of the transform
- **Backward compatibility**
- **Impact on speed**



Thank you